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In Re Application of:

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For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONFIGURING AN OPERATING  
SYSTEM IN A COMPUTER SYSTEM**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

X With the application; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.

— Within three months of the application filing date or before mailing of a first Office Action on the merits; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.

— After receipt of a first Office Action on the merits before mailing of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance.

— A fee is required. A check in the amount of \$\* is enclosed.

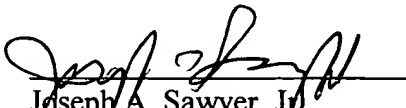
— A fee is required. Accordingly, a Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission in duplicate.

— A Certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) is provided below; accordingly, no fee is believed to be due.

- After mailing of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the issue fee. Accordingly, a Petition requesting consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement, and a Certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) is provided herein.
- Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

If any unresolved issues remain, please contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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FORM PTO-1449 (Modified)

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